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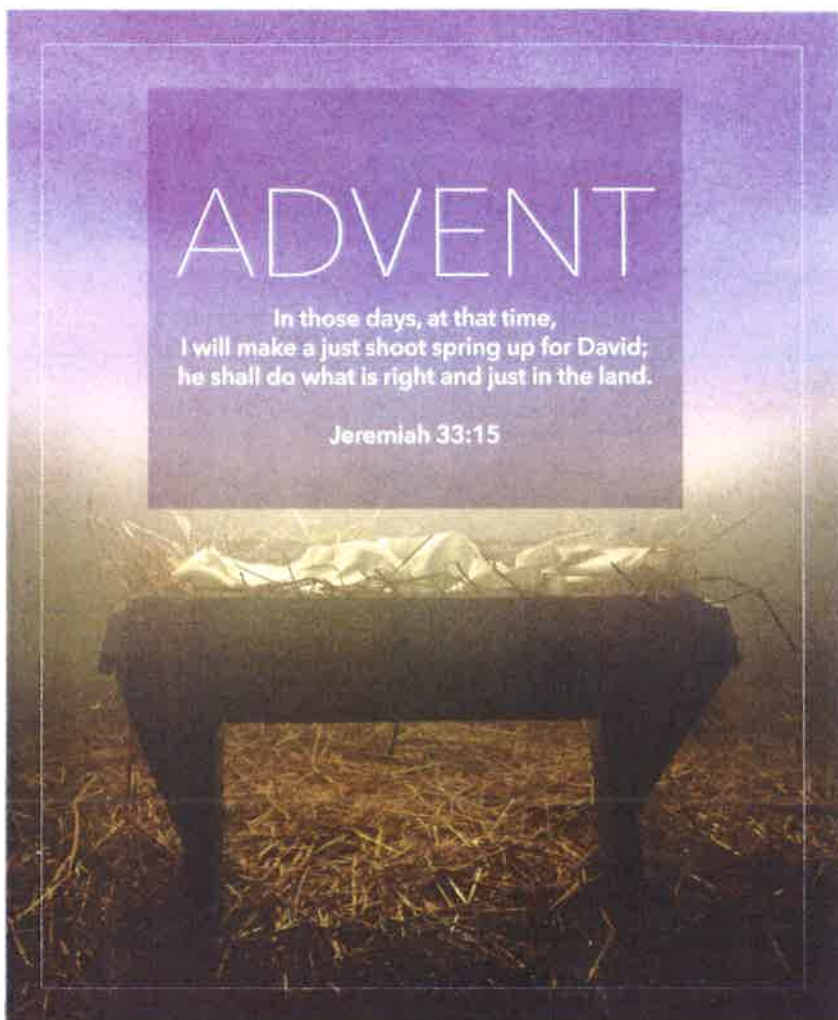
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ADVENT

In those days, at that time,
I will make a just shoot spring up for David;
he shall do what is right and just in the land.

Jeremiah 33:15

HOPE • FAITH • JOY • PEACE

Welcome!

On behalf of our church family, we are pleased to welcome you to St. Thomas by the Sea Catholic Church, and to our beautiful gulf beaches. If you are a new parishioner, or a long-term or frequent visitor, please take time to complete a registration form (in the church pamphlet). We hope you will enjoy your time in Orange Beach.

Rev. Paul Ravi, HGN Deacon Stephen Seymour

Mass Schedule

- Weekends:** Saturday, 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.
- Weekdays:** Monday, 9:00 a.m.
Communion Service
Tuesday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. Mass
- First Fridays:** Morning Mass is followed by Holy Hour.

Our Chapel is open every day for prayer.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays, 4:00-4:45 p.m. (and upon request)

- Altar Rosary Society:** President, Laura Bosarge 251-209-2187
- Driving Service:** Anyone needing a ride to a doctor's appointment or elsewhere can call 205-999-5802
- Hispanic Ministry:** Contact St. Margaret of Scotland 251-943-4009
- Ministry of Care:** (to sick and bereaved) –
Parish Office 251-981-8132
- Respect Life Committee:** Suzanne Laurier 251-981-1918
- CCD:** Contact Father Paul
- Choir Director:** Paul Anderson 251-377-7923
- Parish Council:** Chairperson, Anne Quinn 303-324-3526
- Finance Council:** Chairperson, Annette Mitchell 251-978-4067
- Memorials:** Church Office 251-981-8132
- Ministry:** To serve as a Lector or Eucharistic Minister, contact Father Paul
- RCIA:** Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. (September through Easter).
Contact Father Paul
- St. Benedict School:** Contact Father Paul 251-981-8132
- Winter Visitor Contact:** Ellen Passage 517-881-6615
- Sacrament of Baptism:** Contact Church Office at least one month prior
- Sacrament of Marriage:** Contact Church Office at least six months prior
- Wedding Coordinator:** Cheryl Robinson 251-422-1268
Nancy Dickhute 402-980-3258



THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS BY THE SEA

Saturday, December 4

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions
 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
Mass Intention: Meg Cotes

Sunday, December 5

8:00 a.m. Mass
Mass Intention: Barbara & Bluford Fleck
 10:00 a.m. Mass

Monday, December 6

8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Communion Service

Tuesday, December 7

8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Mass
Mass Intention: Bill Chambers

Wednesday, December 8

****7:00 a.m., Men of St. Joseph**
 8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Mass
Mass Intention: David Cranston
6:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus

Thursday, December 9

8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Mass
Mass Intention: Teri Clark

Friday, December 10

8:40 a.m. Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Mass
Mass Intention: Dave Mertz
*****Daughters of Mary, 9:45 a.m.**

Saturday, December 11

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions
 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
Mass Intention: Ben & Ann Richards

CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER

is in need of wheelchairs for their loan program. If you have a wheelchair in good working order, please contact Linda Chappelle at 251-968-5256.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

will meet on December 8th at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Library. Contact Grand Knight Bob Lindley at 251-978-8147.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

This Advent, let's think about the light Jesus brings to the world. Invite your family together and see the stars at night. We remember that the way to Christmas is the way to Jesus.

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

The ladies of the Altar Rosary Society will be decorating the church for Christmas on December 12th after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Please offer your assistance. Many hands make light work. Men needed to move the Christmas trees. The ladies of the Altar Rosary Society will have their Christmas brunch at Cobalt restaurant on December 14 at 11:00 a.m. Please contact Laura Bosarge at 251-209-2187 or the church office if you are attending.

ANGEL TREES

We are excited to announce that all the gift requests for our Angel Tree have been met. Our parishioners and visitors have been very generous! Catholic Social Services and Christian Service Center will be delighted with the donations for distribution. Thank you for being so kind with your response to the children. These gifts may be the only gifts they receive due to circumstances beyond their control. God bless you all.

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD

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OUR SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR:

St. Thomas by the Sea Building Fund. Please be generous with your donations, and thank you for your generosity!

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Dominique deSanctis, Chad Smith, Tim Glennon, Babe Rohan, Lydia Williams, Deacon Hank Pouliot, Dolores Mills, Sarah Knoll Lammons, Edward O'Brien, Lavonne McCumber, Donna Zepponi, Brandt Quinn, Margaret Smith, Craig Horn, Katheryn Bennett, William Chambers, Frances Gagliano, Anthony Baroco, Kathy Montecio, Stephanie Keeler, Ed Zyniewicz, Daphne Stanford, Karen Kelley O'Brien, Joel Rivera, Susan Berezuk, Bill Sukman, Carly Barrett, Janet & Tommy Pollman, Jenifer Davis, Sally Ashurst, Gene Brymer, Norman Hankins, Mary Schmid, Pat Chambers, Maureen Kiernan, Sue Pizzitola, Ann Wilson, Cecil Young, Chrissie McKillip, Paul Rohan and Mary & Jake Taffaro.

MARY'S SHELTER BINGO 2022

We are planning on reinstating Bingo, starting on Thursday, January 6, 2022, after skipping the 2021 season when we observed safety and health issues. COVID guidelines will apply. See the notice posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. Many volunteers are needed to make this a successful event. Call the church office for more info. Hope to see you there!

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“But there was no room at the inn”, the inn is the gathering place of public opinion; so often public opinion locks its doors to the King.

– Fulton Sheen

ALTAR LINEN CARE

Our volunteers for the month of December to care for our Altar Linens are:

Merrie Henderson and Sharon Mahne
Thank you for your dedication and service!

ALTAR CARE

We need help with weekly laundering of purificators and corporals. Contact Merrie Henderson at 850-982-5213.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR ALL MASSES: EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, USHERS, LECTORS AND ALTAR SERVERS

Training is provided. Please call the church office at 251-981-8132 or speak with Fr. Paul.

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MINISTRY NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday, December 11th, 5:00 p.m.

Lector: Jean Marzullo

Eucharistic Ministers: Tina D’Aversa, Mary Dalton, Jay Powell, Peggy Newsome

Altar Servers: Pat Dalton

Ushers: Jim & Agnes Johnson, Joe Fierro, Oliveth Archer

Sunday, December 12th, 8:00 a.m.

Lector: Terry Barnett

Eucharistic Ministers: Betty McDuffie, Marian Smith, Anne Quinn, Vicki Brown

Altar Server: Larry Mickwee

Ushers: Kelly Ouzts, Jo Ellen Karazim, LuAnn & Art Yaroch, Paul Brown, Lynn Tampary

Sunday, December 12, 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Sue Goodman

Eucharistic Ministers: Cheryl Robinson, Darlene Kerchner, Merrie Henderson, Joanie Pruett

Altar Servers: Steve Fletcher

Ushers: Steve Kerchner, Mark Dickhute, Dan Cummings, Lee Barnes

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

On December 8th, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin. On this feast, we celebrate Mary’s conception, free from the stain of Original sin, and we recognize that Mary’s life began at the moment she was conceived in the womb of St. Anne. So too, does every human life begin at the moment of conception, when it is lovingly knit together by God the Father.

DAUGHTERS OF MARY

Daughters of Mary is a faith-sharing group of women who meet weekly to share their faith and who support and encourage each other to live according to the Gospel. We meet in the Parish Library on Fridays at 9:45 a.m. after Mass – except on First Friday – meet at 10:30 a.m. Please join us weekly or as often as you are able. Contact Andree Drouilhet at 610-202-5997 or A_drouilhet@yahoo.com.

MARY’S SHELTER ANGEL TREE

Thank you to everyone for your most generous response to our women and children at Mary’s Shelter. All the angels requests have been met and the gifts will be distributed.

RESPECT LIFE

Here’s an easy way to keep up-to-date with abortion and other Life issues: Go to the Bishops’ website (usccb.org), click on Issues and Action, and then on Contact Public Officials. There you will be able to sign up for email alerts that will easily allow you to make your views known to our elected representatives. And, as always, please continue to pray for an end to abortion.

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